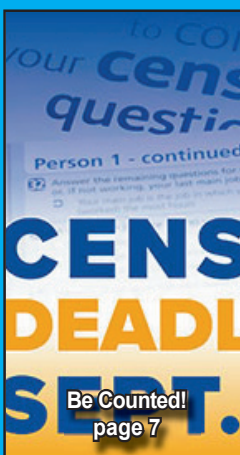




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ESSA Bank & Trust Adds to Marketing Services, Commercial Banking, and Deposit Operations Teams

By Kristen Klunkmillian

Stroudsburg — ESSA Bank & Trust announced additions to its Marketing Services, Commercial Banking, and Deposit Operations teams.

William McKenna has been named Chief Marketing Officer. He most recently served as Vice President of Client Strategy for Colorworks, Inc. He also served as Vice President of Marketing at American Heritage Federal Credit Union. His career spans over 30 years and includes founding three marketing companies. Bill has worked with hundreds of financial institutions to develop new products and services, launching new business development programs, and implementing innovative marketing strategies and solutions. As ESSA's CMO, he will be responsible for driving revenue, leading innovation, and providing strategic vision.



William McKenna



Michael Barrouk

Bill is very active at Faith Church in Allentown. Their diverse ministries are making a difference in the community and the lives of the people they serve.

Michael Barrouk has joined ESSA as Senior Commercial Relationship Manager for its Northern Region (Wilkes-Barre/Scranton and Monroe County). He holds a Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Wilkes University. He has over 18 years of experience working in business development, commercial banking, and government banking roles. Most recently he worked as Vice President of Commercial Lending for the Northeast PA Market of FNCB Bank. His experience in building and maintaining strong commercial relationships will help ESSA expand its commercial banking growth in its Northern Region.



Tracey Hower

Michael volunteers at the St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen and is a youth sports coach in the Back Mountain.

Tracey Hower has joined ESSA as Deposit Operations Manager. Tracey has over 23 years of operational experience and most recently served as AVP Assistant Operations Manager for Merchants Bank of Bangor. Her experience as a team leader and project manager for new product applications will help her provide overall management of the deposit operations area with core processing and support as it relates to bank operations and banking applications.

Tracey resides in Bangor with her family and serves as treasurer for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Martins Creek.

Governor Wolf Announces Restaurants May Increase Indoor Occupancy to 50 Percent Starting September 21

By Wolf Administration

HARRISBURG - Governor Tom Wolf announced that restaurants may increase indoor occupancy to 50 percent starting September 21. To ensure that these businesses operate safely as Pennsylvania continues to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and to instill customers and employees with confidence knowing that they can dine safely, restaurants will commit to strictly complying to all public health safety guidelines and orders through a self-certification process.

"While our aggressive and appropriate mitigation efforts have kept case counts low, we must continue to take important steps to protect public health and safety as we head into the fall. At the same time, we must also support

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A Sister's Tribute

By Miki Comunale Smith

My brother, John Comunale, went to his forever home Sept. 6 1992 when he was but 29 years young. 28 years later, he is gone for almost as many years as he lived. I hope this is a tribute worthy of his memory.

I am 8 years older than my brother John. I have been trying to remember when I stopped calling my brother John "Johnny". Maybe it was when Mom stopped walking him to the corner of our old porch and calling to me to come tend to him. A vivid memory, I can still see his dark eyes peering from his hooded red sweat-shirt. Twisting his fingers and looking at me so adoringly, how could I not forfeit my play with my other sister and brother? I took him by the hand, padded up the red



Western Flyer wagon with blankets and pulled him along, thankful for the memory of his smile. Was it was when he became "big brother" to little brother Jimmy? Or, maybe it was when he grew taller than me? But, one day, Johnny became John.

Always the quietest of us 5 kids, somehow John became a master of diplomacy in family affairs. Always with a calm demeanor and a gift of patience he earned the nickname "Golden Boy".

John was the only one of us kids to leave the nest to take his first job out of college in Delaware. He came home often or one of us would visit almost every weekend so those two years flew by and he was back in the "fold" in Bangor. He built a home and started a family. John's son John and daughter Gina, now in their 30's, have grown into happy, healthy and successful adults worthy of his praise. While there is no substitute for growing up without a father, collectively, we have loved and supported them with John's presence always beside us.

I long for the days when John and I played Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune over the phone. He has an amazing memory for trivia and earned another nickname, "Stats". He and I won lots of "fake" money together and dreamed what we would've done with it. He was so proud of me when I made it to the final round in a local talent search for Wheel of Fortune. The game shows hold no allure for me now. While the fond memories remain, I stopped watching them after John was gone for I realized it was never about the shows, it was about us.

Like a tattoo, being the big sister to my four younger siblings left an indelible mark on my soul. Moments with John have been flooding my memory banks nearing the anniversary of his passing. These recollections are not with sadness but celebratory, for I am a better person for having had him in my life.

If done well, words can be painted into a portrait or woven into a beautiful tapestry that still holds us in its tight colorful fabric. I hope I have been able to do that for if you know me, you'll have also known my brother John.

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